7. Czechoslovakia
8. Equador
9. Finland
10. France
11. Greece
12. Guatemala
13. Haiti
14. Hungary
15. Ireland
16. Iraq
17. Italy
18. Liberia
19. Luxembourg
20. Mexico
21. Monaco
22. Nicaragua
23. Norway
24. Panama
25. Paraguay
26. Peru
27. Poland
28. Portugal
29. Romania
30. Salvador
31. San Marino
32. Spain
33. Uruguay
34. Yugoslavia

(b) The Government of India have sought extradition of certain individuals from time to time under relevant treaties.

(c) The details are as follows :—

Sl. No.	Name of the Individual	Country	Charge
1	Mr. Amanullah Khan . .	Netherlands	Murder
2	Mr. Davinder Singh . . .	Federal Republic of Germany.	Murder
3.	Mr. Gordon Greenall . .	U.K.	Criminal activities
4.	Mr. Paramjit Singh Tumber .	U.S.A.	Bigamy
5.	Mr. M.K. Shandhas . . .	U S.A.	Fraud
6.	Mr. Ranjeet Singh Gill & Mr. Sukhwinder Singh .	U.S.A.	Assassination of General Vaidya and Lalit Makan
7.	Mr. N.S. Hande . . .	U.S.A.	Polygamy

Pending Passport applications at Jalandhar Passport Office

623. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made so far to dispose off the passport applications pending in passport office at Jalandhar in Punjab; and

(b) number of applxations being dis posed off per month and what is the pend ing position at present ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) The total passport applications received at Passport Office, Jalandhar for 1992 as on 13-11-92, including pending applications of the previous year was 1,70,472. Out of these 74,049 passports have been issued.

(b) The average number of applications disposed off per month in 1992 is 7,052. At present 96,423 applications are pending.

Meeting of Joint Working Group of India and China

624. SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what arrangements have been agreed at the fifth meeting of the Joint Working Group of India and China, held in Beijing; and

(b) what suggestions are under the con sideration of the Government of India for resolving the boundary dispute ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) At

the fifth meeting of the India-China Joint Workng Group (JWG) held in Beijing on October 28-29, 1992, the two sides continued their discussions aimed at arriving at a mutually acceptable settlement of the boundary question as well as discussions on measures to ensure peace and stability in the areas along the Line of Actual Control. The positive experience of implement ng confidence building measures arrived at during previous meetings of the JWG was reviewed. It was agreed in principle that further points would be opened to border trade, with details to be worked out in future consultations.

(b) Further steps to ensure peace and tranqu'lity along the Line of Actual Control, suggested by both sides at this meeting of JWG, will continue to be discussed.

Shortage of Passport Boohs

625. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of passport books in different Regional Passport Offices;

(b) how many applications are pending for issue of passports in different Reg.onal Passport Offices in the country; and

(c) what steps Government are going to take to provide required number of passport books to the Regional Passport Offices and by what time ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (c) There has been a shortage of passport booklets primarily because of a sudden and steep increase in the number of passport applications received in 1991 and early 1992. There are approximately 11,80,000 applicatons pending in the regional and other passport offices in the country. The Government has taken urgent steps to arrange for an increase in the supply of passport booklets and is monitoring the situation closely.

Procedure for issue of Visa for different Protectorates

626. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRA KANT BHANDARE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state ;

(a) whether there is any special procedure for issue of visas to Indians by different countries to permit visits or stay in different countries to permit visits or stay in different protectorates, such as the Re-Union Island under France;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard, indicating the understanding or bila-teral agreements, if any, in this regard; and

(c) whether any special additional fees are charged besides the normal Visa fees chargeable by the Mission for Visa facilities for such protectorates, and if so, the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (c) Necessary information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Indian staying in erstwhile USSR

627. DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR :

SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of Indians in the various Republics which constituted the erstwhile U.S.S.R.;

(b) whether Government have ascertained the difficulties faced by them; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to mitigate hardships ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) The estimated number of Indiang in various Republics, exaluding Indian Embassies staff,